

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for interacting with ~~a~~ connected satellite devices, the method comprising:

enabling a user to operate a palmtop computer to interface and interact with any one of a plurality of connected satellite devices using a network, wherein the palmtop computer is operable ~~communicating, over a network, with a palmtop computer that is operable by a~~ the user to wireless transmit a command onto the network, the palmtop computer including an operating system for enabling use of the palmtop computer independent of the device;

receiving, from the palmtop computer and over the network, a signal that corresponds to the command;

changing at least a state of a selected satellite device of the plurality of connected satellite devices ~~anyone of a plurality of connected satellite devices~~ based on the command, wherein the selected satellite device is identified by the command;

~~resulting in one or more of the plurality of connected satellite devices being interfaced with the palmtop computer over the network.~~

wherein the network includes one or more of (i) the Internet, (ii) an intranet, (iii) a wide area network that is not the Internet, or (iv) an internal proprietary network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected satellite device is a device ~~each of the plurality of connected satellite devices~~ is selected from a group consisting of a television, a video playback device, a video recorder, and an appliance.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphical interface.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~connected~~ selected satellite device is a television, and wherein changing at least a state of the device includes

at least one of (i) changing a channel of the television, (ii) switching the television on, or (iii) causing the television to display a programming guide..

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphical interface, and a component for establishing a wireless link.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for interacting with a display device, the system comprising:

a palmtop computer connected to a network, wherein the palmtop computer includes an operating system and a graphic user interface, the palmtop computer being operable to receive an input corresponding to a command, and wherein the palmtop computer ~~transmits~~ is configured to transmit a signal corresponding to the command over the network;

a display device connected to the network, wherein the display device displays multimedia content; and

a receiver provided with the display device, wherein the receiver is configured to receive a television transmission from one of a broadcast or digital cable connection, and wherein the receiver is interconnected to the palmtop computer through the network to receive the signal transmitted by the palmtop computer;

wherein the receiver is configured to receive the signal from the palmtop computer and to transmit the signal to the display device to change a state of the display device; and

wherein the receiver is configured to communicate at least a portion of the television transmission to the palmtop computer using the network.-

8. (Currently Amended) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising:

receiving a television signal;

displaying content from the television signal on the display device;

while the display device displays the television signal, transmitting an interactive content from the television signal to a palmtop computer using a network; and

displaying the interactive content on the ~~palm-top~~ palmtop computer, the palmtop computer including a graphic user interface and an operating system, and wherein the interactive content corresponds to the content displayed on the display device; and
~~processing detecting, from over the network,~~ input corresponding to the user interacting with the interactive content on the palmtop computer; and
processing the input to effect the display device while the display device displays the content.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the interactive content received at the palmtop computer is responsive to the television signal received for display on the device.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein displaying the interactive content is simultaneous with displaying content from the television signal.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the display device is a television.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein receiving the interactive content on the palmtop computer includes receiving the interactive content from over a network.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method for interacting with a television system, the method comprising:

receiving an interactive television signal for use in a television system, wherein the interactive television signal includes an interactive component; and

transmitting at least a portion of the interactive component to a palmtop computer using a network; and

receiving, from over the network, an input from the palmtop computer corresponding to the user interacting with the interactive component, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and an operating system.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the television system includes a television combined with a separate or integrated set-top box.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising displaying the portion of the interactive component on the palmtop computer.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the interactive content is received over a network.

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21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein changing at least the state of the selected satellite device includes one or more of (i) switching the selected satellite device on, (ii) causing the selected satellite device to send a communication to another location across the network, and (iii) control a function of the device.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~connected~~ selected satellite device is a multimedia playback device, and wherein changing at least a state of the selected satellite device includes causing the playback device to either play or record a particular content.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the receiver is provided by a set-top box.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the receiver is provided with the display device.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving a television signal includes receiving an interactive television signal, and wherein displaying an interactive content includes displaying the interactive content from the television signal.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein receiving the interactive content from a network includes receiving the interactive content from the Internet.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the interactive component includes a program listing.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the program listing is from an Internet site.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the interactive component corresponds to an electronic program guide.

30. (Previously Presented) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising:

- receiving an interactive multimedia signal;
- displaying a content from the multimedia signal on the display device, wherein the content corresponds to a program;
- receiving, from a network, input corresponding to user manipulating a palmtop computer that is in communication with at least one of the display device or the network to interact with events that occur as part of the program.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving an interactive multimedia signal is an interactive television signal that is communicated through a broadcast, digital cable connection, or the Internet.

32. (Previously Presented) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising:

- receiving an interactive, multimedia signal;
- displaying a content from the multimedia signal on the display device, wherein the content corresponds to a program;
- receiving input from a network corresponding to a user manipulating a palmtop computer that is in wireless communication with the network, wherein the input is interactive with the content, and wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and uses an operating system for enabling independent use of the palmtop computer.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~30~~32, wherein receiving an interactive multimedia signal is an interactive television signal that is communicated through a broadcast, digital cable connection, or the Internet.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of interacting with a display device, the method comprising:

- receiving an ~~interactive,~~interactive multimedia signal;
- communicating at least a portion of the ~~interactive,~~interactive multimedia signal to a palmtop computer using ~~wireless communications~~a network;
- receiving, on the palmtop computer, the portion of the interactive multimedia signal using a wireless communication component that couples the palmtop computer to the network, ~~wherein~~ the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and uses an operating system for enabling independent use of the palmtop computer.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of 34, wherein communicating at least a portion of the ~~interactive,~~interactive multimedia signal to a palmtop computer is performed while displaying a content from the ~~interactive,~~interactive multimedia signal on a display device.

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37. (Currently Amended) The method of 34, wherein communicating at least a portion of the ~~interactive,interactive~~ multimedia signal to a palmtop computer includes ~~wireless-wirelessly~~ transmitting the portion of the ~~interactive,interactive~~ multimedia signal to the palmtop computer.

38. (Currently Amended) A system for providing television content, the system comprising:

a palmtop computer including a graphic user interface and an operating system, the palmtop computer being wirelessly coupled to a network; and

a receiver system coupled to the network, wherein the receiver receives a television signal from a provider and communicates at least a portion of the television signal to the palmtop computer using the network.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, further comprising a display device for displaying content from the television signal.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the palmtop computer is operable to enable a user to communicate a command for the display device or the receiver system.

41. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving, from the palmtop computer and over the network, includes receiving from over the Internet.